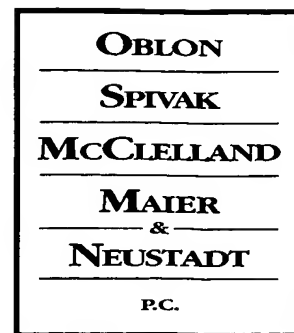




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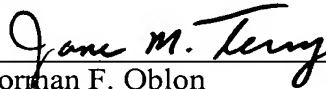
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In response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, **Group III (Claims 3 and 5-8)** for further prosecution in the above-identified application. Applicants further elect, with traverse, the following sequences, **SEQ ID NO: 4** and **SEQ ID NO: 23**.